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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

REF: NEW DELHI 12865

FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN FROM SISCO

1. YOU SUGGESTED IN YOUR 12865 THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOMETHING TO PASS ALONG TO THE INDIANS AT SOME POINT FOLLOWING OUR TRAVELS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU ALREADY HAVE SEEN IN PEKING'S 1395 THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION W/BHUTTO ON THE MIDDLE EAST. (MIDDLE EAST EVENTS DOMINATED THESE TALKS AND THERE WAS ONLY VERY GENERAL DISCUSSION OF SOUTH ASIAN MATTERS.) YOU ALSO HAVE THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S NETWORK BRIEFING IN PEKING NOVEMBER 12 (NESA ITEM 15 IN SAME DAY'S WIRELESS FILE), AND THIS PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT CONCEPTUAL PRESENTATION OF HOW THE SECRETARY ASSESSED THE SITUATION FOLLOWING HIS TRIP THROUGH MIDDLE EAST.

2. IN ADDITION, WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU THE REPORT OF MY BACKGROUND BRIEFING OF THE NATO COUNCIL (LONDON'S CONFIDENTIAL

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13382) AND YOU AUTHORIZED DRAW ON THIS AT YOUR DISCRETION

IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDIANS.

3. I KNOW YOU APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY AND COMPLEXITY

OF MUCH OF THIS AND THE DIFFICULTY IN BEING MORE
PRECISE AT THIS POINT IN HOW THINGS WILL EVOLVE. BUT
I THINK THESE THREE DOCUMENTS GIVE YOU A GOOD BASE FOR
YOUR EXCHANGES WITH INDIANS AND WE WILL TRY TO KEEP YOU
AS FULLY INFORMED AS POSSIBLE AS THINGS DEVELOP. RUSH

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